

## LOCAL MISCELLANY.

## THE HOMICIDE AT FORT LEE.

No additional facts of importance were brought to light yesterday to solve the doubt respecting the killing at Fort Lee on Sunday night, in which John Lahey, Jr., was killed by a pistol shot. The friends of Robert Warren assert that there has long been a bitter feeling in Fort Lee and the neighborhood against Warren and Hovey, while living in New-Jersey, and the residence of certain local officials to the honor of special police officers. These friends assert that there was a plan among Lahey and his friends to murder Warren and Hovey, and that if Warren had not shot Lahey when he did Hovey would have been killed on the spot. Warren not long after, Hovey asserts, had been in his friend's place and had threatened to shoot Lahey. It is claimed that the two officers were compelled to fly for their lives. Hovey denies, however, that he saw Warren that night after the shooting.

The first witness yesterday before the Coroner's jury was James Addison, the carpenter from Coeyville, whose check was said to have been received by the bell before it struck Lahey. Addison had an abrasion upon his hand, which he denied that he had received in the night, or that he had been touched in the hall in any way. He was unable to add anything to the testimony of previous witnesses. Charles Hovey, of No. 152 East Twentieth-st., the officer who was struggling with Lahey when the shot was fired, described the occurrence thus:

"I came to the Octagon Pavilion about seven o'clock on Sunday night, with my friend Tom O'Brien. We came up to the entrance of O'Brien's. 'There's Warren in trouble; I give'll go over.' I heard Warren say to Lahey: 'You've struck me once to-night, and you'll strike another; want you to stop.' Lahey turned around and made an impudent remark. Warren said: 'That's all right,' and walked away. Lahey turned around and said to a friend of his: 'I'll do that big sucker up before I leave this pavilion to-night.' His friend replied: 'Jack, we're all with you.' Lahey then walked over toward the end of the row and in various other places. Someone said to Lahey: 'Kill that New-York—' Then I heard the shot, and Lahey fell to the floor. I got away and escaped upon the ferryboat as soon as possible."

PREFERRING DEATH TO LIFE.

Frederick Wegens, a young German, who had been employed in a glass-blowering shop, at No. 27 Barclay-st., committed suicide Monday night in a boarding-house, No. 12 West Thirteenth-st., by shooting himself in the breast. It was believed that he had become insane. He was an orphan and he had complained that he had no friends. His uncle, who lives in Thirteenth-st., said yesterday that he knew of no cause for the suicide.

Christian Schmidt, a German cabinet-maker who keeps a grocery store at No. 217 East One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st., became despondent on Monday because he had lost his situation. He purchased some arsenic and put it in beer which he drank for dinner. He died yesterday after telling his wife of his folly.

Two official opinions at variance.

When arrests were made recently in the rooms of the Parole Club at No. 3 Barclay-st., the police seized some cans containing whisky, and the owner of the contraband article, John Hackatt, the secretary of the club, afterward made a demand upon the Board of Police for the return of money seized, and the Board sought the advice of the Corporation Counsel and the District-Attorney. Mr. Whitney's opinion was that received at Police Headquarters was that the whisky was seized lawfully, and its value was not sufficient to warrant its return. Mr. McKeeon took a different view. Colonel Bodine, who was present at the hearing, stated that he had been requested to give a formal opinion on Sunday to the employees of the New-England Railroad. They took beer with them and all the crew were drunk except the firemen, when they left the Banks. Burns was the most visibly affected.

Thomas H. Perry, a stevedore, said:

"I slept in a cabin on the east end of Pier No. 52 on Saturday night. At 10 o'clock heard a quarrel on the pier and a voice saying, 'If you don't shut up, I'll throw you overboard!' The witness heard no more."

John Barnes, a watchman at Pier No. 44, also heard the quarreling on the tugboat. He said:

"The men were accusing each other of concealing a keg of beer, and he heard one man say, 'If you don't bring that keg over, I'll throw you overboard.' Then Barnes struggled, someone said, 'If you won't stop this, I'll furnish you.' Then after another quiet spell, the threats and cautions were repeated. Twenty minutes later saw Minnerly sitting on the bow of the tug, crying bitterly. He said that a man had been drowned."

Vincent Costello, brewer at the Champion, said:

"Several friends came to him on Saturday evening, and he told them what had occurred. The captain went away, and he heard in 10 o'clock. They drank some beer, and when the captain had overcooked, and were all intoxicated. Burns slapped Minnerly's face; Minnerly was a man named Ryan, suffering from the disease in a malignant form, escaped from the post-house in a name condition and ran through the streets in a frenzy of delirium. While Ryan was in the hospital his clothes were stolen, and it never has been discovered where the infected garments are or who took them. City Physician Myers has asked the Board of Aldermen to grant him another assistant.

Coroner Knox, desiring the testimony insufficient to sustain the charge of the Tugboat, acceded to Captain W. A. Chapman's request to parole the man in his custody. He also directed Captain Gastin to look for "Al" who is believed to be the man heard by Parsons threatening to throw someone overboard.

John Philip E. Donlon, a Deputy Coroner, stated that the autopsy on Burns's body showed his death to be due to drowning. The formal inquest will be held next week.

SIGHTHEDNESS OF RAILWAYS.

George Bain, president of the St. Louis Millers' Association, was a visitor at the Produce Exchange yesterday. Mr. Bain called attention to the unwise action on the part of the Eastern seaboard railroads in the transhipment of the through traffic made of the West to transportation by way of the Mississippi River and New-Orleans. He said: "I am engaged in the flour business in St. Louis, and turn out an average of 1,700 barrels daily. My business, like that of many others, requires that the shipper be paid for the movement and round facilities at New-York for through shipments to Europe are greater than at any other port on the Atlantic seaboard. The development of the large transportation on the Mississippi River, between St. Louis and New-Orleans, is attracting great public attention, especially in New-York, where we can see what other railroads there can be moved from the towns on the Upper Mississippi from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000 bushels per week at a cost, taking the river and ocean freight through Liverpool, for the same service through the direct route eastward by way of New-Orleans to New-York, even though the cost of moving the Mississippi to New-Orleans, even with short crops, was as nearly great last year as in 1880. Still the business is in almost an inchoate condition."

MAURICE HEALY'S STRANGE DEATH.

Coroner Horrman yesterday held an inquest into the cause of the death of Maurice Healy, a laboring man who died on Sunday morning, July 23, under mysterious circumstances. Mrs. Anna O'Neill, of No. 465 Greenwich-st., testified that between 12 and 1 P.M. she saw Maurice Healy, a boy, in the yard of the Fifth Precinct, testifying to the same facts. Officer Michael Howe, of the Fifth Precinct, testified that he was told of the affair and going to the spot found the man dead. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Healy came to his death from injuries at the hands of someone unknown.

THE HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL.

The work of repairing the break in the Hudson River Tunnel has not advanced very rapidly during the past twelve months. The reason given by the engineer in command, when John O'Brien, a foreman of the work, made an examination of the break by means of an improved diving apparatus he found the break about ten feet from the dock, or about sixty feet from the mouth of the tunnel. No work can be done beyond the air lock until the break is mended. The engineer in command of the work, O'Brien, was unable to get over the door leading to the section in which the accident occurred. A second effort is to be made to day.

INSPECTING THE NAVY YARD.

SECRETARY CHANDLER'S OFFICIAL VISIT.

EARLY START AND STEADY WORK DURING THE DAY—LAND THAT SHOULD BE SOLD—THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR NEW-LONDON.

Secretary Chandler visited the Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday, carefully inspected it, and took his departure for New-London much to the relief of the officers stationed there, who had been fearing that he would ever visit the yard again. The Secretary, however, made his appearance in the Lower Bay. His visit on Monday was a formal one. Yesterday there were few formalities, but plenty of hard work. As early as 7 o'clock the Talisman was fastened to the wharf, having come round from the North River and almost the first vessel which went out was the Secretary. A few of the officers, taking unawares at the early appearance of Mr. Chandler, were not on hand, as it had been given out that the inspection would not begin before 10 o'clock. The commandant was not one of these. He was on the wharf, white-gloved, in fatigue uniform, and in a sailing countenance, ready to meet the work of the day. The Secretary had not eaten his breakfast. Commodore Upshur and Secretary Chandler walked in front of Commodore W. H. Shock, Chief of the Steam Engineering Bureau, and Commodore English, Chief of the Equipment Bureau. There were present officers Mr. Clegg, the Construction Bureau; Captain L. Kinney, Civil Engineer F. C. Pringle, Naval Constructor George E. Bush, Chief Engineer George W. Magee, and Captain Kean, Ordnance Officer.

The first thing seen was the two-o'clock train of what was to have been the ship New-York, work which was suspended when peace was declared in 1865. This was pronounced good and worth finishing. In the other shiphouse the Colossus is housed. This, as well as the sloop wharf, was built up before the old frigate Constitution, the sidewheeler Seashell and the old sloop-of-war Teconderoga. The torpedo-boat Destroyer was also minutely examined. After this there was another delay for refreshments. John Roach went away and Secretary Chandler took much interest in what he saw, asked many pointed questions, and yet kept constantly moving. The machines for cutting the seaman's clothing, which have a capacity of 2,500 suits a day, were watched with interest. At 1 P.M. Mr. Chandler, accompanied by the chief engineer and the ship-handicrafts, Mr. Chandler said that by the present system the Government took the interest on the money invested, but "Jack secured the suit and handicraft for \$1 each." In the equipment storehouse the condemned stores were seen, among other things. But what the Secretary was most interested in was the collection of the old iron, which he could not receive any warrants except those issued in the years 1880 and 1881, as the back taxes due upon the years previous to 1880 were pledged to redeem bonds issued under special acts of the Legislature, anticipating the collection of the back taxes.

Mr. Chandler, however, in a methodical way, brought the rhyme of the rhyme to the point, and the bill, and failed to discover any authority certifying the Corporation Counsel in instructing the Treasurer to refuse all warrants except those issued in 1880 and 1881.

No effort was made yesterday, either by District

Attorney Downing, Sheriff Wright or the Police Commissioner of Long Island City to close the pool-rooms at Hunter's Point. There is every reason to believe that some action will be taken by the State officials during the present week.

A SWITCHMAN CONFUSED BY A TRAIN.

The Middlesex Express, westward bound, on the New-York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, Matthew Conductor, was approaching the junction at Paterson, N. J., at 9 a.m. yesterday, when the train had just passed through the docks at Newark. The party, consisting of the conductor, Frederick Denning, ran out from his shanty and turned the lever so as to direct the express train upon the track of the spur instead of upon the main track westward. At that moment two cars of a transfer-train used to bring passengers from the city terminus of the road to west were standing on the track of the spur near the junction, having just started with a number of passengers for westward points. The engineer of the express train, Owen Castle, saw that a collision was imminent, promptly applied the air-brakes, and then jumped from the engine. The locomotive of the express, with some what diminished speed, crossed the transfer train, and stopped with the conductor and the switchman, Denning, whose error caused the collision, could give no reason for his act except that he became confused. He was promptly discharged from the employ of the company.

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